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Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	2002/0073129	6/2002	Wang et al.			
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	2000-20323	1/2000	JP			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (*Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.*)

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